

CHAPTER 1  
GENERAL INFORMATION

A. PURPOSE

This Plan:

1. Replaces the “Department Of Defense Plan For Certification Of Applicators Of Restricted Use Pesticides” (reference (b)), approved by the Administrator of the U.S. EPA on December 8, 1985.

2. Updates procedures to train and **certify** DoD pesticide applicators. The Department of Defense will continue to recognize as certified pesticide applicators those DoD employees who were certified under the previous plan. Recertification, as required of **previousl**y certified applicators, will be in accordance with applicable provisions of this Plan. Certification for new categories and subcategories will be granted only upon completion of training, demonstration of competency and testing requirements.

B. BACKGROUND

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (reference (a)) directs the EPA Administrator to prescribe standards for the certification of pesticide applicators. Regulations implementing this requirement, at 40 C.F.R. Part 171 (reference (c)), require that Federal agency applicators of restricted use pesticides obtain certification under an appropriate EPA approved Certification Plan. See 42FR41097 (reference (d)).